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Interbody Fusion Device and )  
Method for Restoration of )  
Normal Spinal Anatomy )

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AMENDMENT AFTER FIRST ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 1996, please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 15-27 without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 12 as follows:

1. (amended) A fusion device for facilitating arthrodesis in the disc space between adjacent vertebrae, comprising:

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an elongated body having a length between a first end and a second end thereof, and a first diameter at [a] said first end sized to be greater than the space between the adjacent vertebrae, said body further defining a hollow interior sized to receive bone [graft] growth promoting material therein;